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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-498/96-08; 50-499/96-08

Dear Mr. Cottle:

On November 30, 1996, the NRC completed an inspection at your South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2, facility. The enclosed report presents the scope and results of that inspection.

During the 6-week period covered by this inspection, your conduct of activities at South Texas Project was generally characterized by safety-conscious operations and maintenance activities, with strong support by the engineering organization.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter, its enclosure, and your response will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR).

Sincerely,

J. E. Dyer, Director & Division of Reactor Projects

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Enclosure:

NRC Inspection Report

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